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I KNOW I HAVEN'T COME OUT TO VISIT IN A WHILE -- I'M *SORRY.* THINGS HAVE BEEN KINDA BUSY IN THE CITY LATELY...

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GOTCHA!

MANHATTAN BANK ROBBERY THWARTED BY COSTUMED VIGILANTE SPIDER

HEY, I'M GETTING MY *NAME* IN THE HEADLINES A LOT MORE THESE DAYS -- WHAT CAN I SAY? *YOU* KNOW HOW IT IS AROUND HERE...

...THE PEASANTS ARE EVEN *MORE* REVOLTING THAN USUAL.

BEN

HE

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HEHH... *"THE PEASANTS ARE REVOLTING..."* YOU USED TO SAY THAT EVERY TIME YOU PICKED UP A NEWSPAPER. THAT ALWAYS USED TO CRACK ME UP --

OH, MAN... AH-HEHH... -SNFF-... I'M *SO SORRY,* UNCLE BEN.

I REALLY MESSED THINGS *UP,* DIDN'T I?

THINGS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO *CHANGE* FOR ME NOW -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO *DO* NOW THAT MJ'S GONE.

BEN PARKER

HE WAS LOVED

WHEN YOU SEE HER, I WANT YOU TO TELL HER I'M *SORRY*, OKAY? I SHOULD'VE BEEN *HONEST* WITH HER... I SHOULD'VE TOLD HER I WAS STILL WEARING THE COSTUME.

"I GUESS I THOUGHT BEING SPIDEY WOULD BE AN *ESCAPE* FOR ME, THE WAY IT USED TO BE. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SLINGING WEBS AND CATCHING CROOKS ACTUALLY USED TO BE *FUN*."

DON'T BE SORE, BRAIN. WHEN YOU GET OUTTA THE SLAMMER, YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND WORK AS A *GUMBALL* MACHINE! HAW!

GIFT WRAPPED CROOKS! SPIDEY

HEHH... I GUESS IT'S *EASY* TO LAUGH IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHEN YOU DON'T TAKE *ANYTHING* TOO SERIOUSLY.

I HAVE *YOU* TO THANK FOR THAT, YOU CRAZY OLD GOAT.

"YOU REMEMBER MY FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL THE WEEK AFTER MY PARENTS DIED? THAT DAY, I GOT FREAKED OUT 'CAUSE ALL THE OTHER KIDS WERE WHISPERING AND POINTING AT ME.

"MAN, I WAS SUCH A ***NERVOUS*** LITTLE DUDE IN THOSE DAYS -- ALL SHORTS AND GLASSES AND ASTHMA. THEY LET ME OFF SCHOOL EARLY 'CAUSE I STARTED CRYING IN GYM CLASS..."

THERE, THERE, PETER... I'LL MAKE US SOME LEMONADE AND YOU'LL BE AS RIGHT AS RAIN IN ***NO*** TIME, YOU MARK MY WORDS.

"I NEVER REALIZED AT THE TIME, BUT THE OLD HOUSE IN QUEENS USED TO GIVE ME THE ***WILLIES*** SOMETIMES -- IT WAS ALWAYS SO ***QUIET,*** EXCEPT FOR THE CREAKING. FOR A LITTLE KID LIKE ME, IT WAS LIKE LIVING IN THE MEDICINE CABINET OF DRACULA."

WHY DON'T YOU GO TELL YOUR UNCLE BEN ABOUT YOUR DAY -- IF YOU ASK ***NICELY,*** PERHAPS HE'LL GIVE YOU AN ORANGE WEDGE?

"I REMEMBER I USED TO THINK YOU WERE A *GIANT...*"

ERM. UNCA BEN?

YETTHHH?!

WHY, PETER -- WHATEVER'S THE *MATTER,* DEAR?

AUNT MAY! AUNT MAY!

AUHH! UNCA BEN *FRIGHTED* ME!

BEN PARKER! YOU OUGHT TO BE *ASHAMED* OF YOURSELF --

UM. *OOH.* SORRY, DEAR... I WAS JUST TRYING TO MAKE PETEY LAUGH.

YES, WELL... YOU AND YOUR JOKES GO TOO *FAR* SOMETIMES. YOU KNOW THE BOY HAS A NERVOUS DISPOSITION.

HE'S NOT *LIKE* THE OTHER CHILDREN.

I'M TELLING YOU, MAY, THE BOY'S FINE. HE *NEEDS* A LITTLE TOUGHENING UP --

"WHEN YOU TWO ARGUED, I USED TO FEEL LIKE THE CAT IN THE TOM & JERRY CARTOONS. BUT YOUR FIGHTS NEVER LASTED VERY LONG..."

YOU WEREN'T SCARED, *WERE* YOU, KILLER?

UH-UH... NO *WAY!*

"MAN, THE STUNTS WE PULLED -- IT'S A WONDER AUNT MAY DIDN'T HAVE US BOTH ***COMMITTED.***"

NOTHING TO REPORT, GENERAL!

"I WONDER IF SHE EVER TUMBLED TO THE FACT THAT YOU'D ALWAYS WANT TO GOOF OFF EVERY TIME WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING ***CHORES...?***

"AND THEN, REMEMBER ALL THOSE HORRIBLE ***JOKES*** YOU USED TO TELL? OLD PEOPLE GAGS -- A HUNDRED DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF *'WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD?'* "

*"T' GET TO THE UVVA **SIDE!"*** HAAA HA HA!

"THEY WERE ALWAYS FUNNY, EVERY SINGLE ***TIME.***

"YOU TAUGHT ME HOW TO ***LAUGH,*** I GUESS. AT SCHOOL, I BEGAN TO SEE THE OTHER KIDS DIFFERENTLY. MY SENSE OF HUMOR GOT ME INTO A LOT OF ***FIGHTS...***

"...BUT I DIDN'T LOSE ***ANY*** OF THEM."

OH, GOD... HEHH... IT'S RAINING.

YOU REMEMBER THE OLD "RAINY DAY" GAG? THAT WAS A *CLASSIC!* YOU MUST'VE TRIED TO PULL THAT ONE ON ME A HUNDRED TIMES.

BEN PARKER

HE WAS LOVED

"IT ONLY WORKED *ONCE...*"

PETER, IT'S RAINING! COME ON INSIDE... YOU'RE GOING TO GET *WET!*

HA HA! *SEE?* I *TOLD* YOU YOU WERE GOING TO GET WET --

"ON THAT FATEFUL DAY, *WAR* WAS DECLARED...

"THE NEXT AFTERNOON, I WENT DOWN TO THE BIG JOKE STORE IN TOWN AND STOOD IN FRONT OF THE EXPLODING CIGARETTE SECTION FOR, LIKE FIVE OR SIX *HOURS*.

"I WAS *MESMERIZED* BY THE RACKS... SMITTEN WITH DAYDREAMS OF ITCHING POWDER AND FAKE RUBBER SNAKES. IT WAS MY FIRST FORAY INTO THE TWILIGHT WORLD OF *MISCHIEF*.

SCARE YOUR FRIENDS! $1

MAGIC TRICKS

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RUBBER SPIDERS

JOKE GUM

RED HOT

PUCKER

GARLIC

BUZZ

GREEDY FINGER$ BANK

SPOOKY BANK

LIFE-SIZE GHOST

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"I SPENT MY ENTIRE ALLOWANCE IN THAT PLACE, AND I EMERGED WITH VISIONS OF GLORY, AND ENOUGH SNAPPY GUM AND ITCHING POWDER TO STOP THE RED ARMY IN THEIR TRACKS.

JESTER'S JOKE STO

"I HAD EVERYTHING I NEEDED FOR MY FIRST MAJOR OFFENSIVE.

JOKES

"MORE THAN ENOUGH TO TORMENT THE LIFE OUT OF *YOU* FOR THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS OR SO, ANYWAYS..."

WHY, YOU LITTLE *MONKEY* --

HAAW! HEE --!

"THE WAR OF THE GOOFS WENT ON FOR *YEARS* WITHOUT LETTING UP. OF COURSE, THERE WERE BOUND TO BE *CASUALTIES...*"

UHM... UNCLE BEN -- DON'T YOU WANT TO SIT IN YOUR *FAVORITE* CHAIR? I PUFFED UP THE CUSHION FOR YOU.

"*FAVORITE CHAIR,*" EH? NO THANKS -- I'LL PASS...

OH, MY GOODNESS --

BLARRRP

IT WAS *HIM* --!

OMIGOD... THE LOOK ON HER *FACE.* I THINK AFTER THAT WE WERE GROUNDED FOR ABOUT A *YEAR* --

"THE GOOD OLD DAYS," EH, UNCLE BEN?

I DUNNO... MAYBE IT'S ME, BUT DON'T YOU GET THE FEELING THEY'RE GETTING FURTHER AND FURTHER *AWAY?*

BEN PAI

HE WA LOVED

BUT I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING... YOU TAUGHT ME A PRETTY GOOD ***LESSON.*** I MEAN, IF IT WASN'T FOR ***YOU,*** I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEAL WITH WHAT HAPPENED ***NEXT --***

KER

"ONE MOMENT, I'M A SKINNY LITTLE GEEK TEENAGER INTO MICROSCOPES AND HAM RADIO AND DOING MY BEST TO AVOID THE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM...

CHEMISTRY

"...THEN ONE DAY, I FEEL THIS TINY LITTLE ***BITE*** ON MY HAND...

"...AND THEN, WELL... ***YOU*** KNOW THE REST...

"NEXT THING YOU KNOW, OL' PETE'S A ***MILLIONAIRE***. WELL, NOT EXACTLY, BUT I WAS GOING TO BE A STAR OF STAGE AND SCREEN.

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"I HAD IT ALL: LOOKS, YOUTH, CHARISMA, SUPER STRENGTH... TEN TONS OF ***SPIDER***-SENSE, AND NO COMMON SENSE.

"ONE DAY, AFTER A SHOW, SOME REAL SHIFTY GUY COMES FLYING RIGHT PAST ME, WITH A COP HARD ON HIS HEELS. HE BRUSHES UP NEXT TO ME, CLOSE ENOUGH FOR ME TO GRAB HIM."

I COULD'VE STOPPED HIM WITHOUT A SECOND ***THOUGHT***. BUT INSTEAD, I LET HIM ***GO***. I DIDN'T EVEN ***TRY***.

AND THEN, HE WENT AND ***KILLED*** YOU.

BEN PARKER

"AND I ***TRIED***, YOU KNOW? THROUGH EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED, I'VE TRIED TO CONDUCT MYSELF THE WAY I THOUGHT YOU WOULD'VE ***WANTED*** ME TO.

"I BECAME A ***HERO*** FOR YOU, UNCLE BEN. IT WAS ALWAYS FOR ***YOU***. I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I DIDN'T ***MEAN*** FOR WHAT HAPPENED. I WANTED YOU TO BE ***PROUD*** OF ME.

"I TOOK ON THE WORLD, AND IT DIDN'T SEEM SO TOUGH. VULTURE, SANDMAN, KRAVEN, LIZARD, MYSTERIO... I KNEW I'D ALWAYS BEAT THOSE GUYS, 'CAUSE BELIEVE ME, THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO ***LAUGH***.

"EVEN AFTER I LOST GWENDY, I KEPT ON TRYING TO FORCE A SMILE. I GUESS I THOUGHT I ***HAD*** TO -- IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP GOING.

"I FACED THE GOBLIN AND I BROUGHT HIM ***DOWN.*** AND THE WAY I COULD SMILE THROUGH ALL THE PAIN OF IT, THAT MADE IT BEARABLE SOMEHOW.

"BUT NOW, MARY JANE -- MY BEAUTIFUL GIRL, MY WIFE... SHE'S GONE. ***FOREVER.***"

AN' I... I DIDN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO SAY ***GOODBYE.***

UNCLE BEN... I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO ON *WITHOUT* HER. I KEEP THINKING...

...AH-HUUH... SNFF... I KEEP THINKING SHE WOULDN'T HAVE *DIED* IF I'D DONE THINGS *DIFFERENTLY* SOMEHOW.

"AND YOU KNOW WHAT MAKES IT SO *IMPOSSIBLE* NOW? THE BAD GUYS DON'T *CARE* IF I NEED A DAY OFF TO MYSELF. FAST FORWARD TO YESTERDAY AT THE MIDTOWN BANK..."

EXCHANGE

COME ON -- PUT THE MONEY IN TH' BAGS! *ALL* OF IT! *HURRY!*

WHATTA YOU *LOOKIN'* AT, GRANDAD? I TOLD YOU TO KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE FLOOR! YOU WANNA PIECE OF THIS --?

OH, *MY* --!

KRAAGGH!

UNH --

OH, JEEZ... THAT'S THE *SPIDER*-MAN! WE GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE --

SHUT *UP!* THAT FREAK AIN'T NOTHIN' TO BE SCARED OF!

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LOANS

I'M OUTTA THIS MESS!

THWIP

OH, MAN --

KTHUNK

AAH! OMIGOD... PLEASE DON'T HURT ME--!

BACK OFF, FREAK! I SWEAR, MAN, YOU COME ONE STEP CLOSER AN' SHE GETS IT! I AIN'T KIDDIN'!

I SAID --

--UHHF!

"AND THEN, THERE WAS ONE..."

STAY AWAY FROM ME, SPIDER-MAN. I'M WARNIN' YOU -- I'M GONNA BLAST YOU 'WAY! YOU HEAR ME?!

I SAID "STAY AWAY." YOU GOTTA BELIEVE ME -- I'LL KILL YOU DEAD, MAN! WHAT'S WRONG WIT' YOU --?

OKAY.

I DIDN'T SAY A WORD THE WHOLE TIME. NOT A JOKE OR A PUN OR A WISECRACK. *NOTHING.*

WHAT'S THERE TO SAY WHEN FOR EVERY ONE OF THOSE DIRTBAGS I SEND DOWN, THERE ARE THREE MORE TO REPLACE EACH OF THEM?

I KEPT THINKING, "*MAYBE HE'LL SHOOT. MAYBE THEN, IT'LL ALL BE OVER.*"

BEN PARKER

HE WAS LOVED

SPIDEY USED TO BE MY WAY *OUT,* YOU KNOW? I USED TO GET SUCH A KICK FROM SORTING OUT THE BAD GUYS. BUT NOW... IT'S TOO *MUCH.*

NOW THAT MJ'S GONE, I DON'T *WANT* TO BE A HERO ANYMORE. I JUST WANT TO SEE HER -- JUST FOR A MINUTE -- AND TELL HER I'M *SORRY.*

I MISS HER SO *MUCH,* UNCLE BEN. I KEEP WONDERING TO MYSELF... HOW AM I EVER GOING TO *LAUGH* AGAIN?

HOW'M I GOING TO BE SPIDER-MAN IF I CAN'T *LAUGH?*

BEN PARKER

HE WAS LOVED

SO WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME... 'CAUSE I DON'T *KNOW* ANYMORE.

YOU TELL ME WHAT'S *FUNNY.*

BEN PARKER

HE WAS LOVED

SHHHHHH

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VMMMMM

-SNUCK-
...SNFF...

OH, GOD...
-AH-HUHH-...

HAAA HA HA HA HA!

BEN PAR

HE WAS
LOVED

THE END